

Care Group Discussion Guide **Celebration Church**

1. The Holy Spirit is just like Jesus (John 14:16).

- A. We need to pray and sing in the natural and in the spirit (1 Corinthians 14:15;18).
- B. Sing spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:18-19).
- C. The Holy Spirit is poured out on all people (Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:1-6).
- D. “We may now refer to the nature of speaking in tongues as spiritual utterance—utterance or speech given by the Holy Spirit through the voices of people. This does not mean that the Holy Spirit did the speaking. Rather ‘they spoke,’ but the source was the Holy Spirit: ‘as the Spirit gave them utterance.’ Accordingly, the speaking derived from the Holy Spirit was ‘other’ than usual speech: it was spiritual, or pneumatic, utterance” (**J. Rodman Williams, *Renewal Theology***).
- E. “The power of God now has this city agitated as never before. Pentecost has surely come and with it the Bible evidences are following, many being converted and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. The scenes that are daily enacted in the building on Azusa street and at Missions and Churches in other parts of the city are beyond description, and the real revival has only started, as God has been working with His children mostly, getting them through to Pentecost, and laying the foundation for a mighty wave of salvation among the unconverted” (***The Apostolic Faith Newspaper***).

2. The Importance of Tongues

- A. They are a restoration of divine communication (I Corinthians 14:2).
- B. They bring unity and fellowship (Jude 1:20-21; Acts 1:14; 2:1).
 - i. When you pray together, something happens in the Spirit that knits your hearts together in love by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the love of God.
- C. They edify us and build our faith (Jude 1:20; I Corinthians 14:4).
- D. They help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26).
- E. They help us pray for ourselves and others in accordance with God’s will (Romans 8:27).
- F. They reveal the wisdom of God (I Corinthians 2:10; 12).
- G. They are a sign to unbelievers (I Corinthians 14:22).
- H. They minister to our inner man (Isaiah 28:11-12).
 - i. Like a river, speaking in tongues is transportation for your soul.
- I. They help us control our natural tongue (James 3:2).